

I am writing to the FCC to express my opposition to proceeding 02-231.

If implemented, broadcasters will be able decide whether or not I may digitally record a broadcasted show. I see no reason why broadcasters should be given the power to abridge my right to fair use. One could argue, that I could make an analog recording in all cases. However, I disagree with the notion that fair use is restricted by media.

Copyright holders have a right to defend infringement of their work. However, they do not have a right to restrict fair use. Fair use is part of the copyright deal, they can use the courts to enforce their ownership of their works, and the public can have fair use of their work.

The radio spectrum is a public asset that the broadcasters have been given permission to use. I see no reason why the regulatory agency in charge of protecting this public asset should instead help licensees restrict the public's rights.